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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 7:00 am	May 9th Fr. Edward Litavec by Steve Margo	
TUESDAY, 9:00 am	May 10th Elaine McMeans by Woody McMeans & family	
WEDNESDAY, 7:00 am	May 11th Dick & Phyllis Philblad by Bob & Rosemary Hansen	
THURSDAY, 7:00 pm	May 12th Deceased Members of The Poulson family by Ron & Joanne Poulson	
FRIDAY, 7:00 am	May 13th Beverly Hoden by Dan Hoden	
SATURDAY, 4:30 pm	May 14th For the Living & Deceased Members of Holy Redeemer & St. Anthony	
SUNDAY, 8:15 am	May 15th George & Anna Mae Bleech by Ted & Arminta Bleech	
11:00 am	Deceased & ill from the Pandemic by Mark & Linda Eberl	

Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light is lit in memory of

Jerry O'Donnell

this week.

Prayer Line

Please call Mona Champion at 968-3232,
Barb Ciprich at 723-1894, or Kim Wynn at 706-6995
with your prayer requests.

**May Housekeepers : James Harris, Ralph Gallo
& Virginia Baker.** If you are unable to make your
assigned time please find a substitute. If you are
unable to find a substitute please call the parish
office.

Happening This Week and Beyond

May 14th & 15th Second Collection-International Needs	
May 16th Mass at Kinzua	10:30 am
May 17th Mass at Rouse Suites Blood Bank	2:00 pm 12:00 pm-5:30 pm
May 23rd Food Pantry pick up	
May 24th St. Joseph Soup Kitchen Desserts are welcome and appreciated, take out only. Pastoral Council meeting @ HR	4:00 pm-5:00 pm 7:00 pm
May 30th Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery	9:00 am

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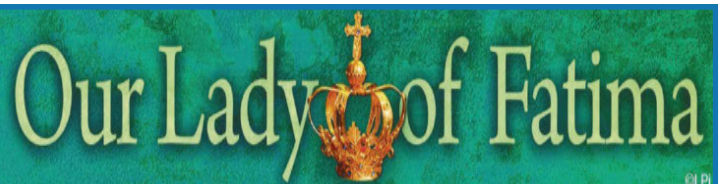
Dear People of Holy Redeemer, St. Anthony and
St. Joseph,
Your outpouring of generosity and compassion to me
and my family overwhelms and humbles me, I know
you to be people of tremendous faith, kindness and
thoughtfulness.

I am very happy that you came to celebrate on the
20th anniversary of my ordination. I am grateful as
well to the staff and volunteers who donated their
time and resources to decorate, serve and clean up.
Your efforts made this party the wonderful
celebration that it was.

I am also very grateful for the compassion and
sympathy so many of you extended to me and my
family on the death of my father.

I can't imagine serving a more generous and holy
people.

Thank you so very much,
Ray



FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

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May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

To My Spiritual Family of Holy Redeemer and St. Anthony,

Beauty: *Truth, goodness, and beauty:* the philosophers refer to these as the “*transcendentals*,” because their reality is not dependent on epoch or culture or location. Indeed, they fully transcend these conditions. God himself is the ultimate source of truth, goodness, and beauty. He is, we can rightly say, each of these things. St. Augustine famously named God as “*Beauty ever ancient, ever new.*” In fact, many of today’s astute observers argue that although our young people may struggle to find God through means of truth (the Culture of Relativism has poisoned that well), they are still discovering God by travelling the path of beauty. In this month of May, beauty is all around us, isn’t it? From red and yellow tulips, to trees displaying their spring foliage, to the warmth and brightness of the sun, and to the soaring hawks above, we are blessed with the beauty of spring! Yet as Catholics, we also find great beauty within our churches and liturgies. The joyful faces of our First Holy Communicants are filled with beauty. The light of the Paschal Candle shines with the beauty of Resurrection hope. The smoke of burning incense rises heavenward in beautiful curls and wafts. God gifts the Church with beauty! So as we continue to celebrate these 50-days of the Easter Season, look for the beauty within our Christian Faith. Such God-given beauty is worth spending time to contemplate. And yet more amazingly still, the most wonderful and beautiful things of this earthly life pale in comparison to the beauty promised in the life to come! To some day see God face to face, to share in the heavenly worship, to spend eternity in communion with our loved ones – wow – what beauty then! Thank you, Lord, for the beauty we see around us today, and for the beauty you promise in the life of eternity!

A Worthy Commitment: Not just in the Church, but throughout our society, organizations are struggling to recruit committed volunteers. Families are busy, true. Priorities are, admittedly, sometimes misplaced. And the selfishness with which we all battle can on occasion get the best of us. I say this because we are in desperate need of volunteers to minister in our Faith Formation Programs. Evangelization is the work of us all. It takes effort to spread the Faith in a manner which bears fruit for eternity. We are a Church constantly on mission. Straight up, we are failing in our Christian commitment if we are not actively transmitting the Good News of Jesus Christ. Here in our parish, there are some folks who have volunteered for decades. They are legends (I’m not going to name names, but you know who they are). But now we need a new generation of young leaders to take up the banner. We need a fresh group of teachers and catechists to share their love of Christ with our children and teens. I am asking you to step up to the plate and become a catechist in our Sunday morning program. Might the Holy Spirit be nudging you to say yes? Please be earnest about considering this. Take it to prayer. Trust. Then, email me or Flocknote me or stop me at the grocery store and announce: I want to help! God will give you the graces necessary. Thank you!

Catholic Services Appeal Update: You have pledged in the neighborhood of \$120,000 for this year’s Catholic Services Appeal. Your generosity is amazing! Praise God! Our main parish project – replacement of the boiler beneath Holy Redeemer – has already been completed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. And may the Lord fill you with many, many graces!

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Feast of Corpus Christi: A national program of *Eucharistic Revival* begins throughout the United States on June 19, the feast of our Lord's Body and Blood. The diocesan phase of this revival begins with four regional Eucharistic Processions on Sunday, June 19 @ St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, Notre Dame Church in Hermitage, St. Catherine of Siena in Dubois, and St. Bernard in Bradford. Each procession begins at 1:00 pm and you are warmly welcomed to participate. Here, following the 8:15 am Mass, we too will have a Eucharistic Procession (albeit a smaller version than the regional ones). The Lord is always with us in the Eucharist! Let's honor him and give him thanks!

Mother's Day: Finally, a blessed and joyful Mother's Day to all of our moms! The vocation to Motherhood is one of the most difficult and beautiful of all vocations. Thank you, moms, for your love. We love you in return!

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer – Pray for us!

St. Anthony – Pray for us!

St. Joseph – Pray for us!

Fr. Steve

SPRING CONCERT

Wednesday, May 11th the St. Joseph 4th and 5th grade students will have their Spring Concert in the school gym at 6:30pm.

FIRST EUCHARIST

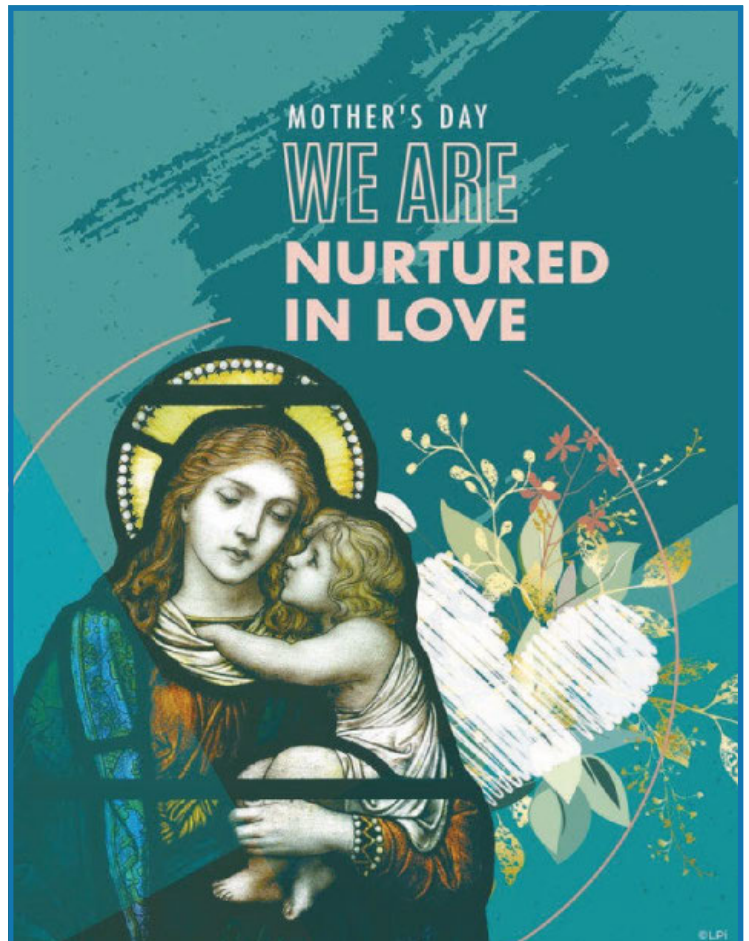
We ask you to remember in your prayers Lincoln Wagner, who is receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist on May 15th.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Bullying

The Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education define bullying as: any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths, who are not siblings or current dating partners, that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of students ages 12-18 experienced bullying nationwide. 19% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents should educate themselves on the signs that a child has been bullied or is a bully. They should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Parents can encourage their child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.gov

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